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Agenda item 6

**REPORT OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE BERLIN MANDATE**

**Draft report of the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate  
on its second session**

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## I. OPENING OF THE SESSION

1. The second session of the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate (hereinafter referred to as "the AGBM") was held at Geneva from 30 October to 3 November 1995. The session was convened in accordance with the schedule confirmed at the first session (FCCC/AGBM/1995/2, para. 15).

2. The Chairman of the AGBM, Ambassador Raúl Estrada-Oyuela, opened the session at the 1st meeting, on 30 October 1995. In welcoming the participants, he noted that recent work by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) had confirmed the concerns motivating the Convention and the potential for serious consequences of global climate change on developing countries. He recalled the importance of the precautionary principle and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, and emphasized the responsibility of developed countries to take the lead. In view of the limited time and resources available, the Chairman appealed to the Parties to take decisions and make progress regarding the analysis and assessment at this session. He drew attention to the fact that at some point the number of policies and measures to be analysed should be limited in order to achieve concrete results. The Chairman also welcomed two new Parties, observing that there were now 138 Parties to the Convention.

3. The Executive Secretary welcomed all participants to the session. He expressed satisfaction that it had been possible to offer funding to the full range of eligible Parties for this session. With regard to the provisional agenda, the Executive Secretary pointed out that the agenda formulations were deliberately brief and that the Berlin Mandate remained the basic element in all cases. He then introduced the documentation prepared for the session. In his comments on the work of the session, he noted the importance of balancing the aim of comprehensiveness with the need to begin focusing future work. He also observed that the AGBM was a forum to which the results of technical analysis could be presented for assessment rather than one where such analysis could be most usefully undertaken.

## II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

(Agenda item 1)

### A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 1 (a))

4. At the first meeting of the AGBM, on 30th October, the Chairman and the Executive Secretary explained the basis and structure of the provisional agenda. Statements were made by seven Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the Group 77 and China, one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, and another speaking on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS). An observer State also made a statement. The AGBM, at its 1st meeting, on 30 October, adopted the following agenda, on the

understanding that relevant agenda items encompass all aspects in an integrated manner, including analysis and assessment:

1. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (b) Organization of work of the session;
  - (c) Organization of the work of future sessions.
2. Election of officers other than the Chairman.
3. Strengthening the commitments in Article 4.2(a) and (b):
  - (a) Policies and measures;
  - (b) Quantified emission limitation and reduction objectives within specified time-frames.
4. Continuing to advance the implementation of Article 4.1.
5. Possible features of a protocol or another legal instrument.
6. Report on the session.

**B. Organization of work of the session**

(Agenda item 1 (b))

5. At the 1st meeting of the AGBM, on 30 October, the Chairman recalled that there would be services available for one morning and one afternoon meeting with interpretation each day. The AGBM agreed to proceed on the basis of the proposed schedule of work contained in annex II of document FCCC/AGBM/1995/3/Add.1.

**C. Organization of the work of future sessions**

6. At the \_\_th meeting,

[to be completed]

**D. Attendance**

7. The lists of attendance at the second session of the AGBM are given in annex I below.

8. The AGBM welcomed the fact that sufficient resources had been available in the special voluntary fund to offer funding to all 106 eligible Parties and that so many were able to participate in the session. The AGBM expressed its gratitude to contributors and hoped that it would be possible to maintain such a high level of participation at future sessions.

#### **E. Documentation**

9. The documents prepared for the AGBM at its second session are listed in annex II below.

### **III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OTHER THAN THE CHAIRMAN** (Agenda item 2)

10. At the 1st meeting of the AGBM, on 30 October, the Chairman reported on his consultations with regional groups in respect of nominations for the Bureau of the AGBM. He recalled that he had been authorized by the Conference of the Parties at its first session (COP 1) to undertake such consultations and indicated that these consultations would continue.

11. The Chairman provided further reports on his consultations at the 3rd meeting, on 31 October.

[to be completed]

### **IV. STRENGTHENING THE COMMITMENTS IN ARTICLE 4.2(A) and (B)** (Agenda item 3)

#### **A. Policies and measures** (Agenda item 3 (a))

[to be completed]

#### **B. Quantified emission limitation and reduction objectives within specified time-frames** (Agenda item 3 (b))

[to be completed]

**V. CONTINUING TO ADVANCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 4.1**

(Agenda item 4)

[to be completed]

**VI. POSSIBLE FEATURES OF A PROTOCOL OR  
ANOTHER LEGAL INSTRUMENT**

(Agenda item 5)

[to be completed]

**VII. REPORT ON THE SECOND SESSION**

(Agenda item 6)

12. At the \_\_th meeting, on \_\_ November, the [Chairman, in the absence of an elected] Rapporteur, presented the first part of the draft report of the session (FCCC/AGBM/1995/L.2). The AGBM considered and adopted the first part of the draft report.

13. At its \_th meeting, on \_\_ November, the AGBM requested the [Rapporteur] [under the guidance of the] Chairman and with the assistance of the secretariat, to complete the report, taking into account the discussions of the AGBM, the conclusions on agenda items 2, 3, 4 and 5 and the need for editorial adjustments.

14. The Chairman, after thanking all participants for their constructive cooperation, declared the second session of the AGBM closed.

[to be completed]

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Annex I

**LISTS OF ATTENDANCE**

1. The second session of the AGBM was attended by representatives of the following [number] Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change:

[to be completed]

2. The session was also attended by observers from the following States not parties to the Convention:

[to be completed]

3. The following United Nations offices and programmes were represented:

[to be completed]

4. The following specialized agencies of the United Nations and related organizations were represented:

[to be completed]

5. The following intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations were represented:

*Intergovernmental organizations:*

[to be completed]

*Non-governmental organizations:*

[to be completed]

Annex II

**DOCUMENTS PREPARED FOR THE AD HOC GROUP ON  
THE BERLIN MANDATE AT ITS SECOND SESSION**

The following documents were prepared for the AGBM at its second session:

[to be completed]